

09/529765

422 Rec'd P TO 17 APR 2000

- ☐ A copy of the International Search Report  
☐ A copy of the Preliminary Examination Report  
☒ A check to cover the filing fees (including the basic national fee under 37 CFR 1.492(a)) in the amount calculated below:

## FEE CALCULATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BASIC FEE				\$970
	(IPEA-U.S. \$670/335; ISA-U.S. \$760/380; PTO not ISA or IPEA \$970/485;				
	U.S. IPEA all claims meet 33(2)-(4) \$96/48; File w/ EPO or JPO search report \$840/420;)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surcharge for filing a late oath or declaration (\$130/65)			\$ ***	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surcharge for filing a late translation (\$130)			\$ ***	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple dependent claims (\$260/130)			\$ ***	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excess claims - see calculation below			\$ ***	
	Total Claims:	11	-	20 =	00
	Independent Claims:	02	-	03 =	00
				X \$18/9 claim =	\$ -0-
				X \$78/39 ind. claim =	\$ -0-
	Excess Claim Total			\$ -0-	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assignment recordal fee (\$40)			\$ ***	
				<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	<b>\$970</b>

Please direct any correspondence to:

**Customer Number: 022434**  
**BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP**  
 P.O. Box 130  
 Mountain View, CA 94042-0130

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SHIBP004). A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.



Steve D Beyer  
 Registration No. 31,234

BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP  
 P.O. BOX 130  
 Mountain View, CA 94042-0130  
 (650) 961-8300

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR A PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION  
ENTERING THE NATIONAL STAGE IN THE U.S. AS A DESIGNATED or  
ELECTED OFFICE UNDER 35 USC 371**

Attorney's Docket No.: SHIBP004

Date: April 17, 2000

Express Mail" mailing label number (from mail label): EL213975165US

Date of Deposit: April 17, 2000

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service, as required under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Typed Name: Heather Haili

Signature:

*Heather Haili*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box PCT Application  
Attention: DO/EO  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith are the papers required to enter the national state in the U.S. as a designated office/elected office for the following PCT international patent application:

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER: PCT/JP99/04626**

**Int'l Filing Date: August 26, 1999**

**1st Priority Date: August 26, 1998**

**Inventor(s): Youji ITO**

**For: PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING BUILDING STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS**

The United States Patent Office is: (select one)

- ☒ A Designated Office (No Demand was filed - See 37 CFR 1.494)  
☐ An Elected Office (A Demand for Preliminary Examination was Filed - See 37 CFR 1.495)

Enclosed are:

- ☐ A copy of the international application (if this line is not checked, the international application was previously communicated by the International Bureau or the international application was originally filed in the USPTO).  
☒ An English Translation of the International Application  
☐ A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ A copy of amendments made under PCT Article 19  
☒ A translation of amendments made under PCT Article 19  
☐ A translation of annexes to the international preliminary examination report  
☐ Verified Statement establishing Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.  
☐ An Assignment of the Invention to: \*\*\*,  
(with \$40.00 recordal fee)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment